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Mr. Don H. Castleberry, Superintendent
George Washington Memorial Parkway
Turkey Run Park
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Mr. Castleberry:

Your letter dated 10 September 1979 (D30-GWMP) stated that your Regional Traffic Engineer had inspected the merge situation at the ramp from CIA to northbound George Washington Memorial Parkway and his evaluation indicated that conditions do not present unusual delays or hazards. Your letter failed to mention the time of day this evaluation was made. From my own first-hand knowledge and experience of other employees, I can state that during the evening rush hour there is a very definite hazard. This is especially true during the winter months when it is dark at this hour.

Your letter also stated that the construction of an acceleration lane to improve access to the parkway would require a major redesign and reconstruction of the roadway and that such redesign has not been programmed for the foreseeable future. However, I feel it is necessary to reaffirm our concern for the safety of CIA employees at this potentially dangerous merge point and feel another look for a solution to the problem is justified. In this vein, a possible solution to the problem may be pavement markings and signs channeling the traffic into the left lane before they arrive at the CIA ramp to George Washington Memorial Parkway northbound. Within this marked off area either rubber posts or break-away aluminum posts could be placed which would not be dangerous but would reinforce the traffic control signs.

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There are many of our employees who are interested in the subject problem and what possible corrective action might be taken. The merge ramp is used by those employees who continue into the Commonwealth of Virginia as well as others who use the Parkway to get to the Capital Beltway and proceed into the State of Maryland and/or the District of Columbia.

Your prompt attention to this matter and a timely reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Chief

Logistics Services Division, OL

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